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Oregon Progressive Party

Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **SB 421: Support**

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which would:

- Transfer existing database of suspensions and revocations of police officers from Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Expand database to include instances of investigations and verified misconduct of a police officer, termination of an officer, or complaint against a police officer involving death or serious injury in custody, excessive use of force, discrimination based on protected class, commission of crime while officer was on duty, or dishonesty in any police proceeding, investigation, or court case.

DPSST is a police-oriented organization. Records regarding discipline of officers should logically be held by an organization that does not have an interest in protecting officers from scrutiny.

Also, existing law requires that the database only contain "suspensions and revocations of the certifications of police officers." It does not require it to contain records of possible police misconduct that did not result in suspensions or revocations.

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